

# Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

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## Supporting public health and economic vitality

Approximately \$191 million in loans has been committed to drinking water infrastructure improvements in Washington since the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) was introduced in 1997. Public water system capital improvements are critical to the long-term health and economic vitality of Washington's communities. Our state is a national leader in launching this important funding source and getting the money out to public water systems.

Directing federal funds to states for these low-interest loans was a key provision of the 1996 amendments to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The goal is to provide loans to water systems for capital improvements that increase public health protection and compliance with drinking water regulations. Washington's program is administered jointly by the Department of Health, the Public Works Board, and the Board's administrative agent (the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development).

In addition to funding loans for water system capital improvements, the DWSRF supports key drinking water program activities in our state. These include new Safe Drinking Water Act initiatives, source water protection, and technical assistance to water systems.

## Program highlights

- The DWSRF program provided almost \$40 million for drinking water infrastructure improvements in 2004.
- Around \$20 million will be available for the 2005 funding cycle.
- Twenty-five percent of loans solve public health problems that would have resulted in serious compliance actions if they had not been addressed with capital improvements.
- A full 70 percent of the loans have gone to systems serving fewer than 3,300 people.
- Loans executed to date have ranged from \$15,300 to \$4 million.
- Over \$15 million in repayments has been received to fund additional projects.

## Eligible water systems and projects

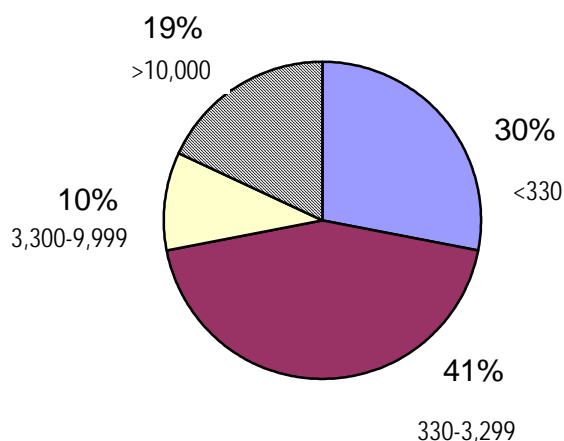
- Most Group A community systems, including mobile home parks.
- Most Group A nonprofit non-community systems, such as a school with its own well.
- Group B systems or individual water supplies converting to Group A.
- Retroactive financing for specific high-priority municipal projects.
- Projects that address a public health risk.
- Projects to upgrade outdated, deteriorated facilities.



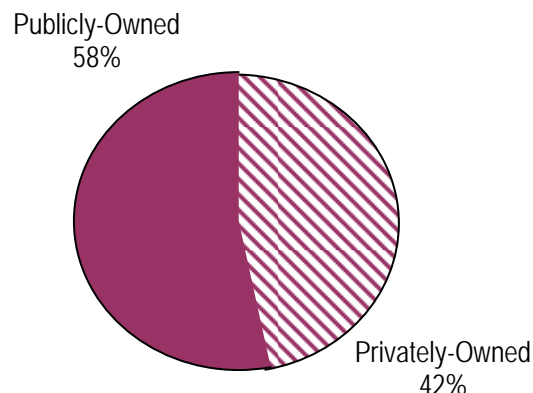
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**DWSRF PROJECTS (BY POPULATION)**



**DWSRF PROJECTS (BY OWNERSHIP)**



### 2005 DWSRF Loan Terms

Income Level of Households	Interest Rate	Loan Fee*	Loan Repayment Period
Basic interest rate.	1.5%	1%	Twenty (20) years or life of the project, whichever is less
Water system is in an economically-distressed county (see DWSRF Guidelines, Appendix L).	1%	1%	Twenty (20) years or life of the project, whichever is less
51% of the water system households are at or below 80% of the county's median income.	0.5%	1%	Twenty (20) years or life of the project, whichever is less
51% of the water system households are at or below 50% of the county's median income.	0%	1%	Thirty (30) years or life of the project, whichever is less
<b>Maximum Award</b>			
Jurisdictions are eligible for up to \$4 million per year. Multiple systems constructing jointly-owned projects or satellite management agencies that are restructuring systems may combine loans up to a maximum of \$8 million.			
<b>No Local Match Required</b>			
<b>Loan Fee*</b>			
*This fee is not subject to the loan limit. A \$4 million project would result in a \$4,040,000 loan – \$4 million for the project plus the \$40,000 loan fee. The non-refundable fee is incorporated into the loan and is paid when the first loan draw is made.			

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